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Pages Learn About Legislature

Hearing Loss Due To Car Stereos

Today, Senator Sophie Anderson introduced Senate bill 7034, which addresses the issue of hearing loss or damage. "The bill is a good one because it protects teens and adults from damaging their ears while driving and prevents car accidents," said Senator Anderson. This bill would prohibit drivers from listening to their car stereos too loud, preventing hearing loss. If a driver is caught with their stereo excessively loud, they will be fined \$30. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Board game simulates bill process.

On Monday, pages played a board game designed to simulate for them the process by which a bill becomes a law in Washington State. They came to understand that only about ten percent of the bills that are introduced actually become laws. They also experienced the frustration of having a bill "die" in the middle of the process.

Uniforms Eliminated

Today, Senator Sabrina Anderson introduced Senate bill 7340, which addresses the issue of uniforms in private schools. "The bill is a good one because uniforms eliminate a person's creativity and personality," said Senator Sabrina Anderson. This bill will get rid of uniforms altogether. This way, people will be able to express themselves and not be wearing staid clothes all day. With uniforms gone, people will get to express their personal style and individuality. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Smoking Bill

Today, Representative Michelle Auster introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of smoking near public places. "The bill is a good one because it will help to reduce second-hand smoke," said Representative Auster. This bill says that instead of being at least 25 feet away from public places, which means doors, windows, and ventilation systems of public places, you must be 30 feet away if you are going to smoke. And you will also be fined if you are caught smoking closer than 30 feet. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

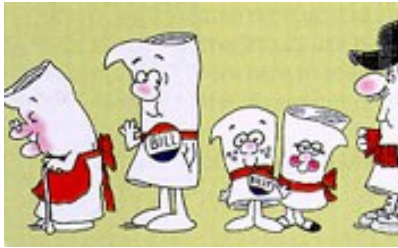
Cell Phones Are A Distraction And Therefore A Hazard To Drivers.

Today, Senator Anna Bruce introduced Senate bill 7018, which addresses the issue of the use of cell phones. "The bill is a good one because It causes the roadways to be a safer place," said Senator Bruce. This bill does not allow drivers with under two years of experience to talk on cell phones. After, however, two years are up, drivers may talk on cell phones only on the condition that they wear a headset, thereby allowing the use of both hands. This will eliminate putting innocent drivers' lives in jeopardy by young drivers who don't pay attention to their surroundings from talking on cell phones. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Universal Health Insurance

Today, Senator Ariel Ching introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of health insurance being too expensive. "The bill is a good one because it helps out people like single parents who are struggling to provide food and water and cannot even consider health insurance," said Senator Ching. This bill will add another .05% sales tax. This extra money will be used to provide universal health care for all Americans. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



I'm Just A Bill video provides review of bill process

After playing the Bill Process Game, pages viewed the video *I'm Just A Bill*. Many of them stated that they remembered viewing this in elementary school. This short video accurately illustrates all of the steps in the process.



Save The Bikers Lives!

Today, Representative Claire Kunkle introduced House bill 3302, which addresses the issue of Commuter Biker Safety. "The bill is a good one because not only will it increase the number of bikers that follow the laws and maneuver correctly through the streets, but it will make cars more aware of their presence around them. This will decrease accidents," said Representative Kunkle. This bill will make it a law that children above the age of six must have a biker license if they choose to ride without the supervision of an adult with a license. The qualification for this license will be tested by the person's knowledge of bike signals, their possession of a helmet, and whether they know where to bike on the road. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Graduating High School

Today, Senator Deanna Schwitzke introduced Senate bill 6669, which addresses the issue of WASL Taking. "The bill is a good one because high schoolers should not have to depend on how good they took one test to decide if they pass High school," said Senator Schwitzke. Some students do really good in school, but they don't do as good on tests. Students should still have to take the WASL, but it should just be a part of there grade. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

Unconstitutional Uniforms

Today, Senator Dylan Anderson introduced Senate bill 4628, which addresses the issue of Uniforms. "The bill is a good one because it will provide a comfortable working and learning environment," said Senator Anderson. It states that the uniforms of most schools are uncomfortable and stiff. It will also save money that students and the capital building spend since most uniforms are expensive. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Graduation Requirements Change?

Today, Representative Eric Davidheiser introduced House bill 2532, which addresses the issue of graduation requirements. "The bill is a good one because it creates more learning opportunities for the students instead of spending time doing busy work," said Representative Davidheiser. This bill will require the state to lift its graduation requirements from essays portfolios and the WASL to just the WASL being needed to graduate. These requirements were taking too much time out of their learning. If this bill is passed it will give students more learning time in class. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

To Deflate The Inflation.

Today, Senator Evan Davies introduced Senate bill 5678, which addresses the issue of Inflation. "The bill is a good one because we can get a fresh start on the value of our dollar just like we have done in the past history," said Senator Davies. This bill is to make the inflation of the dollar bill deflate and the value go up to where America can make a new start. This bill also will make it so more money is used toward ending forging when the time is right. This bill does not deny the fact that we will be working on this again in the next set of years. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Littering Outlawed

Today, Representative Sebastian de Bont introduced House bill 3678, which addresses the issue of Littering on the side of the

roads. "The bill is a good one because it will prevent littering from happening," said Representative de Bont. This bill will help prevent our environment from getting sick. It will also set up public awareness programs about littering. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Cats Should Be Kept Under Lock And Key.

Today, Representative James Densley introduced House bill 2827, which addresses the issue of keeping cats under control, and keeping them off other people's property. "The bill is a good one because I thought of it, and cats are so annoying," said Representative Densley. Cats seem to be too out of control. This bill helps keep cats under control, letting people still own cats, but keeping them away from people who strongly dislike cats. The bill states that when outdoors, cats must be kept in an enclosed area so they stay on their own property. The owners will be fined and have their cats taken away with failure to comply with this act. The owners will only get their cats back after signing a contract making them responsible for any trouble caused by their cats. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Pages write bills

Each page wrote a bill designed to solve a problem. Topics for bills included driving age, noise control, fewer school hours for high-schools students, and cell-phone use. They reflect real issues that affect teen-age lives in Washington State. Bills were printed so pages can keep them.

High Schoolers Get Head Start to Morning by Beginning Later

Today, Representative Derek Lactaen introduced House bill 3661, which addresses the issue of the start times of high schools in comparison to elementary schools. "The bill is a good one because it is an overall improvement upon the current system," said Representative Lactaen. The bill would switch the two levels of schools' start times. High schools would begin at 9:00AM whereas elementary schools would begin at 7:30AM, just the opposite of their current standings. "Bill 3661 hopes to improve health, test scores, and attitudes within the high school setting

while making life easier for parents of elementary school aged children," said Representative Lactaen. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Getting Everyone On The Same Page

Today, Senator Grace Bajema introduced Senate bill 5678, which addresses the issue of school curriculum for grades K-8. "The bill is a good one because it allows students who switch from their private middle schools to public high schools to have the same knowledge of information as the students that have been attending the school their whole lives," said Senator Bajema. This bill would make it so that all students who attend a private school from grades K-8 would be required to learn the same things and read the same books as those at public schools. The teachers could still decide how in-depth they would teach the subject matter but they would be using the same books and materials. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Smoking: A Dangerous Hazard While Driving

Today, Representative Laura Pomeroy introduced House bill 2155, which addresses the issue of smoking while driving. "The bill is a good one because it will prevent many accidents and distractions on the road," said Representative Pomeroy. The bill would make smoking illegal while driving. There would be a \$50 fine for the first time and an additional \$50 fine each time after that. If an accident occurs due to a smoking driver, then there would be up to 5 days in jail or up to a \$1000 fine. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Car Cell Phones Soon To Cease

Today, Representative Maddy Vonhoff introduced House bill 2323, which addresses the issue of cell phones and driving. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce distractions on the road and reduce the risk of accidents," said Representative Vonhoff. Hand-held cell phones will be prohibited from use by the driver. Drivers using a hand-held cell phone will be fined \$101; further offenses will be punished with heavier fines. Hand-held cell phones can be used when the vehicle is station-

ary, and head-sets, speaker-phones, and non hand-held cell phones are permitted. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Pages lobby their own bills

Pages practiced lobbying techniques as they encouraged their colleagues to support their bills in committee hearings. They created posters and completed media releases for this newsletter.

A Way For High School Students To Be More Awake And Active Teenagers, In And Out Of School

Today, Representative Malea Martin introduced House bill 1989, which addresses the issue of High school starting after 8:30 AM. "The bill is a good one because it helps students, become more awake and active in class which leads to more class participation and a better learning experience for all," said Representative Martin. The bill addresses the issues of high school starting way too early for teens, to get a healthy amount of sleep. By passing this bill teens will be able to sleep later and be more awake and ready to learn in class. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Conversion Of Transportation Fleet Engines

Today, Representative Grant Maskal introduced House bill 3242, which addresses the issue of converting transportation fleet engines. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce harmful emissions to the environment and it will lessen the strain on oil consumption in Washington State," said Representative Maskal. The bill was designed to help the environment. It also was de-

signed to make it easier on Public Transportation fleets to convert to bio-fuel engines. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

Preventing Health Defects

Today, Senator Breanna Perry introduced Senate bill 6767, which addresses the issue of Drinking when Pregnant. "The bill is a good one because it will prevent health defects," said Senator Perry. In order to prevent health defects, alcohol will not be given to pregnant women. They will have a separate identification telling the bartender/clerk the she is pregnant. The bartender/clerk then will not give her any alcohol. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Obese People Getting Specialized Parking???

Today, Senator Amanda Plumb introduced Senate bill 6742, which addresses the issue of eliminating unhealthy people from receiving extra benefits due to their own irresponsibility. "The bill is a good one because obese people shouldn't have any special rights due to their own self inflicted problems. They should have to walk from the regular parking spaces just like the rest of us," said Senator Plumb. The way the law currently stands under section A of RCW 46.16.381 anyone who can't walk 200 feet without stopping to rest can receive a disabled parking permit. This section creates a loophole in the law. By taking section A out of this law, people will not be considered disabled under the criteria of being too fat and lazy to walk 200 feet. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

Artificial Lights No Sleep

Today, Senator Justus Price introduced Senate bill 5952, which addresses the issue of light pollution. "The bill is a good one because it helps city residents get more sleep," said Senator Price. the bill will insure sleep and energy for city residents by dimming street lights, cars ,and homes by charging fines/pay deduction. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Those Earning The Minimum Wage

Today, Senator Rachael Stuhlmiller introduced Senate bill 5248, which addresses the issue of those earning minimum wage. "The bill is a good one because it will improve society and it will be easier for them to afford necessary things that you need to live," said Senator Stuhlmiller. This bill is for the purpose of exempting those earning the minimum wage, from taxes that take money from their weekly/monthly paycheck. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Rehousing Of Sexual Molesters

Today, Representative Rachel Lee introduced House bill 1328, which addresses the issue of housing for sexual molesters. "The bill is a good one because it provides safety for residents of all areas and a place for molesters to live while they get back on their feet," said Representative Lee. This bill entitles that sexual molesters must go into special housing 120 days after notification of relocation. It also raises two and a half million dollars that is handed over to a committee that finds or builds this housing and maintains it. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Committees debate bills, vote

Pages participated in simulated committee hearings on Wednesday. They read their bills and 'committee' members, governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure, debated the pros and cons of the bills. When pages voted on bills, some ideas were passed on to an imagined legislative body, while others did not pass and "died" in committee. In this newsletter, we have reported which bills passed and which did not pass.

House Pages Might Get To Use Elevators At Capitol Building

Today, Representative Daley Smith introduced House bill 3325, which addresses the issue of House pages getting to use the elevators like the Senate pages do. "The bill is a good one because it is very tiring when you have to walk up and down all of those stairs and House pages deserve elevators just as much as Senate pages do," said Representative Smith. This bill will let the House pages use elevators to go only to the destination that they were assigned. There will be punishment for misusing the privilege of

the elevators. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Ban Smoking Ban!

Today, Senator Walter Bajema introduced Senate bill 6420, which addresses the issue of Smoking Bans. "The bill is a good one because it would lift the current ban," said Senator Bajema. This bill would lift the current ban, which bans smoking in all public places, such as restaurants and bars. Also 25 feet from any window or door. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Increasing Interest In School

Today, Senator Dana Welter introduced Senate bill 5028, which addresses the issue of Education and later starting time for high schools. "The bill is a good one because it will promote better grades and more interest in school," said Senator Welter. The bill will increase interest in school by giving students more time to sleep in and so they would not fall asleep in class. The time would be added onto the end of the day and after school activities would still go on. The participants in after school sports and games would just miss a couple hours of school a couple days of week. The work would still have to be made up but it would benefit all the students and promote more interest for the learning environment. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Lower Drinking Age

Today, Senator Arielle Weinstein introduced Senate bill 6123, which addresses the issue of the drinking age. "The bill is a good one because the previous bill about drinking is unjust," said Senator Weinstein. This bill will allow people over the age of 18 to drink alcoholic beverages. This will lower the amount of underage drinking that is going on now, and will make the law of drinking fair. At 18 years of age, you are allowed to smoke, and vote, so you should also be able to drink alcohol. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

Passing The WASL To Graduate

Today, Representative Kenneth Shanklin-Fleming introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of The WASL having to be passed to graduate from high school. "The bill is a

good one because it will make it easier for kids to graduate from high school.," said Representative Shanklin-Fleming. The bill will stop the kids from worrying about the WASL and having to pass it. The bill will also make it so that the kids don't have to pass the tenth grade WASL. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

More Weapons Allowed?

Today, Representative Kevin Aspinwall introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of assault/automatic weapons. "The bill is a good one because it allows the average American citizen to own an automatic/assault weapon for self defense and shooting and it allows them their 2nd amendment ," said Representative Aspinwall. This bill will allow the average American citizen to have assault and automatic weapons, in addition to a great self defense automatic weapons offer additional homeland security, what nation in their right mind would invade a country with a large group of their population owning automatic/assault weapons? The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Start School At Later Times

Today, Senator Michael Price introduced Senate bill 6689, which addresses the issue of school start times. "The bill is a good one because more kids will actually be awake and fed, before they go to school," said Senator Price. This bill says that all high school students should start going to school at 9:00 in stead of 7:45. The reason is that a lot of students come late or don't come at all due to the fact that school starts too early. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Too Many Drugs In School

Today, Senator Travis Stephens introduced Senate bill 5426, which addresses the issue of the amount of drugs in school. "The bill is a good one because it reduces the amount of drug addicts,"

said Senator Stephens. If the amount of controlled substances is reduced then the world will be a better place to live and raise a family. There would probably also be less violence and unacceptable behavior in school and other places in life. If this bill passes the students will be able to study better and become smarter thus being able to get more jobs and therefore reducing the country's unemployment rate. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

Fur Is Banned

Today, Senator Victoria Wright introduced Senate bill 6134, which addresses the issue of animal rights. "The bill is a good one because it shows no support in the production of fur," said Senator Wright. Fur will not be purchased by anyone in the state of Washington. If a resident purchases fur they will be fined. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Sec. of State Reed



Sen. Eide



Fmr. Sen. Carlson

Carlson, Reed, Eide, Dutton visit, speak, answer questions

Former Senator Son Carlson; Secretary of State Sam Reed; Senator Tracey Eide D-30; and Detective Sergeant Ann Dutton of the Washington State Patrol joined the pages during their classes on Thursday. Each of them told students about what led them to their current positions, and they discussed issues they are working on during this session. Pages were able to interact with these guests.

More Guard Rails Are Needed In Washington

Today, Representative Jennifer Williams introduced Senate bill 5123, which addresses the issue of Guard rails. "The bill is a good one because you can save the lives of your family, your kids, your friends and any one important to you that you care for," said Representative Williams. I think that this should become a bill, because you can save a life and lives to come. People that know or have had close friends that you have lost cause by a car crash. It is very hard to hear that it could have been prevented by a guard rail. How would you feel if you got a call that your friend or child has died in a car crash and it could have been prevented. I know that you can't save every life but you can try. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

An End To Capital Punishment

Today, Senator Emmet Stackelberg introduced Senate bill 7337, which addresses the issue of capital punishment. "The bill is a good one because it will stop the cruel and unusual punishment we use against people and ensure that no innocent is killed on the government's behalf," said Senator Emmet Stackelberg. This bill will ban capital punishment (punishing a convict with death). The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

More Money for Pages

Today, Representative Colin Rice introduced House bill 2061, which addresses the issue of Page Wages. "The bill is a good one because It allows pages, the unsung heroes of the capital, to make enough money to live," said Representative Rice. This bill will raise page salaries from \$5 to \$10 and make it so that all minors will have minimum wage. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

Curfew Preferences

Today, Representative Taneum Bambrick introduced House bill 1888, which addresses the issue of Cities preference on curfews. "The bill is a good one because it allows everyone to get as much sleep as they want," said Representative Bambrick. This bill allows the city to choose how late its curfew will be. Some cities have more elderly inhabitants that prefer an earlier curfew. If the state has more young people who don't really care how late it is, the elderly may be kept up later than necessary. This bill will help those effected.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Driving With Cell Phones

Today, Representative Charlie Thompson introduced House bill 2128, which addresses the issue of Driving with hand-held cell phones. "The bill is a good one because it allows people to talk on their cell phones in a safe way," said Representative Thompson. The bill states that you cannot talk on a cell phone without using a hands-free device while driving a car. If you are caught you will be fined one hundred dollars. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Is It Safe?

Today, Representative Miranda Morris introduced House bill 1443, which addresses the issue of body piercing. "The bill is a good one because it's intended to keep people safe," said Representative Morris. The bill would make it so piercing businesses would need a some type of qualifications including a license or certificate. With out a license, you would not be able to legally have or work at a piercing business.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Equal Rights

Today, Representative Cameron Kirby introduced House bill 1333, which addresses the issue of same sex marriage. "The bill is a good one because equal rights involving homosexuals expand," said Representative Kirby. The bill allows homosexuals to marry anywhere in Washington state. This goes under the non-discriminating against homosexuals bill passed earlier in the year. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Who Likes To See Homeless Sleep On The Street?

Today, Senator Jessica Grosz introduced Senate bill 7001, which addresses the issue of the homeless sleeping on the streets at night or during the day. "The bill is a good one because it will ensure the safety of the homeless and contribute to our community by making it safer and more sanitary," said Senator Grosz. The bill will keep the homeless from sleeping in public areas. The homeless shelters will be better promoted with the hope that more homeless will attend. Also a night watch will be put in place to monitor the streets at night and help direct the homeless to the shelters. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Linde Writes A Bill!

Today, Representative Jonas Linde introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of school operating hours. "The bill is a good one because kids need a chance to sleep," said Representative Linde. In this bill, it will be illegal for public high schools to start school before 9 a.m. Citing reasons for this new legislation, Linde said that according to the National Sleep Foundation, a growing teen needs at least 9 hours of sleep each evening. The legislator from Sunnyside also made note that this

group has released case-studies showing that irregular or shortened sleeping hours for high school students leads to poor daily performance in their school classes. So, according to Linde, to help students avoid these problems it should be required that all public schools begin no earlier than 9:00 a.m. After his comments were met with nothing but blank stares, Linde finished his address to the press with 'San Dimas High School Football rules!', mumbled something about Billy Madison and then left the capitol without being scanned by metal detectors which could save lives of many on Capitol hill. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Budget debate stirs emotions

Using actual state budget figures, pages debated how to balance the state's operating budget. Their task was to make up a \$3 billion deficit. "Is it always this hard?" asked a page as the debate intensified.

Obese Pigs Weigh Down Farmers

Today, Representative Anna Nelson introduced House bill 1010, which addresses the issue of Obese Pigs that are hurting farmers' backs because they are too fat.. "The bill is a good one because it keeps farmers healthy and standing straight..," said Representative Anna Nelson. Pigs will be restricted to be 2 feet long and 1 and a half feet wide (or smaller). If they exceed this limit, they must be slaughtered right away. If a farmer, or a pig owner fails to do this, they will be fined the amount of \$275. This bill will go into effect 90 days after the governor signs it.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March, 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Senator Goes Out On A Limb

Today, Senator James Deurbrouck introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of safety in the State Capitol Building. "The bill is a good one because of its integrity ,," said Senator Deurbrouck. This bill suggests putting metal-detectors back into the state capitol. Metal-detectors, obviously a dying fashion in Washington, were installed in the entrances to the capital just one year earlier. The senators then promptly and expensively uninstalled the detectors, less than a year later. Like the repeated rise and fall of Disco, though, this useful idea keeps coming back .

The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

A Chance To Change The World

Today, Senator Alex Freeman introduced Senate bill 6784, which addresses the issue of global warming caused by extra exhaust released by old cars. "The bill is a good one because it will improve the environment so in the long term, future generations will not have to suffer from the damage caused by the people here today ,," said Senator Alex Freeman. The bill will make it illegal to drive a car using petroleum older than twenty years old. Drivers violating this bill will pay a fine of \$200 and will be required to dispose of his/her car at the nearest junk yard where the parts will be correctly disposed of. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Fooling With Boolean

Today, Representative Andrew Kylo introduced House bill 3489, which addresses the issue of backing the Federal Reserve with silver and gold. "The bill is a good one because it will increase the amount of gold and silver in the treasury which will help avoid future depressions and panics that have racked this nation in the past," said Representative Kylo. In this bill an effort will be put into finding and mining lucrative gold and silver deposits and creating tariffs on all foreign imports. The money made from these tariffs will go directly to obtaining gold and silver from foreign powers. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

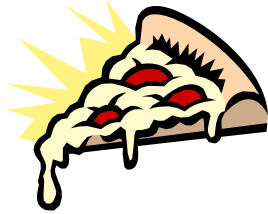


No More Dress Codes

Today, Representative Angel Bradshaw introduced House bill 1777, which addresses the issue of school dress codes. "The bill is a good one because students should be able to feel self confident and this bill will prove that you can't feel confident in something you don't want to wear.," said Representative Bradshaw. This bill will let students pick out their own clothing. This also allows them to not have to follow strict dress codes. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Pages celebrate at Thursday pizza party

Thursday afternoon, pages took a break from their regular duties and socialized with each other while enjoying the page Appreciation Pizza Party.



Capital Punishment On 'Death Row'

Today, Senator Lucas Brown introduced Senate bill 5934, which addresses the issue of the death penalty. "The bill is a good one because it prevents the irreversible punishment of innocent individuals and provides a just alternative," said Senator Brown. This bill removes all criminals from 'Death Row' and eliminates the possibility of an individual tried in Washington State being sentenced to death. Alternately, life in prison without possibility of parole is an extreme measure that the courts may, in extreme cases, take. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Help For Students To Pass WASL

Today, Representative Cassie Hollowell introduced House bill 1234, which addresses the issue of students failing the WASL. "The bill is a good one because it gives everyone an opportunity to pass the WASL," said Representative Hollowell. This bill will provide special needs students with extra options so they have will be able to pass the WASL or at least have a greater chance at passing. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

Lowering Taxes That Go To Criminals In Prison.

Today, Senator David Hageman introduced Senate bill 5200, which addresses the issue of lowering criminal taxes. "The bill is a good one because as it is right now, we are supporting criminals with our tax money," said Senator David Hageman. Some criminals in prison have it better than they had it before going to prison. In reality we are supporting the things criminal do. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Deer Population Management

Today, Senator Daniel Hageman introduced Senate bill 5002, which addresses the issue of maintaining the deer population. "The bill is a good one because if we do not raise the limit of deer taken per year to two, many farmers' crops will be destroyed by

the deer expanding their territory," said Senator Daniel Hageman. The number of deer allowed to be taken by hunters is currently one. But slowly and surely, the deer are starting to overrun Washington state. This can change, however, if the bill is passed into law. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

The Public Is Not A Trash Can!

Today, Senator Elizabeth Hinge introduced Senate bill 7676, which addresses the issue of people getting gum stuck onto them in public places. "The bill is a good one because chewed gum in public places is disgusting," said Senator Hinge. This bill will keep citizens from putting their chewed gum onto any public place such as under tables or hairs, on walls, on the ground or on railings. It will prevent people from getting it on their fingers or on their clothes while in public. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Jeopardy creates hit

On Friday, pages tested their knowledge of the Legislative process in a spirited game of *Jeopardy*. Winning teams were awarded certificates and brightly colored stickers that they wore proudly for the rest of the day.

New Bill To Let Kids Sleep In

Today, Representative Anna Grzankowski introduced House bill 2999, which addresses the issue of school start times. "The bill is a good one because it allows kids to really rest their minds before coming to school and trying to learn very early in the morning," said Representative Grzankowski. This bill deals with middle and high schools to mandate and require a start time. Schools in Washington State would be required to change their schools to start after 8:00 a.m. and no later than 11:30 a.m. In order to encourage compliance, it is included in the bill that any school that does not comply with the start time will receive fines. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Spare A Life, Don't Leave Your Child And/Or Animal Alone In Your Car!

Today, Senator John Hays introduced Senate bill 5445, which addresses the issue of parental negligence. "The bill is a good one because it helps prevent death," said Senator Hays. The bill was made to prevent deaths of children under the age of two as well as animals left in a closed and heated vehicle. Many incidents have happened where children as well as pets have been

killed by being over heated in an enclosed vehicle. The bill states that a fine would be levied to the parent and/or pet care taker who locked their pet and/or child in their vehicle. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

An Alcohol Prohibition

Today, Senator Jonathan Hrehov introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of Alcohol Prohibition. "The bill is a good one because it will decrease the amount of car accidents immensely," said Senator Hrehov. This bill will ban the use and distribution of alcohol. Officers of law enforcement agencies will go to the companies and dispose of all the alcohol and tell them to make a different kind of beverage without alcohol to sell. Also, numerous police officers will be checking apparent intoxicated people. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Page School on the web

The Page School has its own web site. You can find us at: www1.leg.wa.gov/WorkingwithLeg/PageSchool/. This newsletter has been posted there.

Should Private School Students Go Broke For Their Beliefs!

Today, Senator Joshua Mitchell introduced Senate bill 5555, which addresses the issue of education. "The bill is a good one because it provides the ability to let your child to go to school where they can freely express there beliefs ," said Senator Mitchell . The bill will provide the ability for a private school pupil to receive the vouchers to pay for half of his tuition and go to school at a school whose religious beliefs agree with theirs. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Safety for Animals

Today, Senator Marco Karier introduced Senate bill 7996, which addresses the issue of animals locked in cars with windows closed. "The bill is a good one because animals die a lot in cars," said Senator Karier. This bill is to have owners of dogs in cars roll down the window for air. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.

New Legal Age

Today, Senator Molly McDonnell introduced Senate bill 5001, which addresses the issue of Health and Long-term care. "The bill is a good one because It prolongs death in people who decide to smoke," said Senator McDonnell. The bill increases the legal smoking age to 21. It is said that increasing the age will make a fair connection between the legal age of drink and the legal age

of smoking. No one should be confused anymore about why you can smoke, but not drink. Both affect the human body negatively and should be prolonged as long as possible, or at least until the body is fully grown. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed. This bill passed.

Save Children From Second-Hand Smoking

Today, Senator Sara Markwith introduced Senate bill 6268, which addresses the issue of people smoking while driving when children are present in the car . "The bill is a good one because it protects children's health when they don't have a say in their guardians' choices. They also cannot drive and need transportation but are unknowingly damaging their health at the same time because their driver is smoking right next to them," said Senator Markwith. The bill states that parents, guardians, or whoever is driving should not be allowed to smoke while their own or other children are present in the car. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill passed.



Universal Health Insurance

Today, Representative Sierra Hutton introduced House bill 3448, which addresses the issue of Health Insurance. "The bill is a good one because people who can not afford Health Insurance would be able to now !" said Representative Hutton. People would only pay the tax of the Insurance and the Government would pay the rest. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Homeless People: There Are Too Many Of Them

Today, Senator Spencer Minshull introduced Senate bill 5300, which addresses the issue of homeless people. "The bill is a good one because we have to many homeless people," said Senator Minshull. Homeless people scare people, because some homeless people can be insane or criminals. And we have way to many in the state. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on March 1, 2006. This bill did not pass.